* Full refund is to be authorized if so desired by the passengers.

* Sending messages to station of destination using Indian Airlines channels.

* Permit passengers to make local/STD calls to their destinations. Reimbursement of such charges if call has been made from outside telephone.

* Transferring passengers and baggage to other airlines if available.

* In case delay occurs after boarding the passenger and the extent of delay is likely to be more than 20 minutes, passengers are deplaned and brought to the terminal. They are served with refreshments. If such facility is not available at airport they are sent to nearby hotel.

IPOs by AI and IA

2180. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the Air India and Indian Airlines have been asked to prepare the ground to launch their Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) by the end of this year to aid their expansion plans;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the employees of both Air India and Indian Airlines would be given price preferential and firm allotment of IPO; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The issue of an Initial Public Offerings for Air India and Indian Airlines is at a preliminary stage of discussion.

Permission to non-scheduied airlines to operate in the country

2181. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted permission to non-scheduled airlines to operate in the country during the last one year;

(b) if so, the names of airlines who have been accorded permission, with the equity base of each airlines; and

(c) the number of applications which are pending as on 31.1.2005 with Government for approval alongwith the names of airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) For operating the non-schedule airline in the country, non-scheduled operators permit is being issued, as per the guidelines contained in Civil Aviation Requirement Section 3 Series C Part III. During the last one year, nine non-scheduled operators permit have been issued in respect of M/s. HAL Rotary Wing Academy, Bharat Hotels Ltd., Madhya Pradesh Flying Club Ltd., Govt, of Jammu & Kashmir, Prem Air, Summit Aviation, Aviators India Pvt. Ltd., SRC Aviation Pvt. Ltd. and India Flysafe Aviation Ltd. As per norms, all the airlines have a minimum subscribed equity of Rs. 1.00 crore each.

(c) As on 31.1.2005 four applications for grant of No Objection Certificate for operation of Non-scheduled air transport services were pending viz:

(i) M/s. Trig Air Services Pvt. Ltd.

(ii) M/s. Spencers Travel Services Pvt. Ltd.

(iii) M/s. Dhillon Aviation Pvt. Ltd.

Ov) M/s. First Flight Couriers Pvt. Ltd.

Airports under construction

2182. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports constructed/under construction in the country to provide air connectivity to all important cities; and

(b) the details thereof alongwith the financial allocation made for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Since 1987-88, Airports Authority of